



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/599,890	06/21/2000	Milind Rajopadhye	DM-6999-A	7176

46339 7590 12/12/2007  
BRISTOL - MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY  
PATENT DEPARTMENT  
PO BOX 4000  
PRINCETON, NJ 08543-4000

EXAMINER
----------

BALASUBRAMANIAN, VENKATARAMAN

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

1624

MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
-----------	---------------

12/12/2007

PAPER

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/599,890	RAJOPADHYE ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	/Venkataraman Balasubramanian/	1624

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 11/21/2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☒ entered.
  - b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
  - d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
  - e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

/Venkataraman Balasubramanian/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1624